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Remarks

Claims 1-26 are pending in the patent application. Please cancel claims 3-9, 16, 19, and 20 and amend claims 21 and 23 as indicated in the above Amendments to the Claims.

Due to this Preliminary Amendment deleting claimed subject matter, the inventorship has changed. Therefore, accompanying this Preliminary Amendment is a request to correct inventorship signed by a party set forth in §1.33(b) along with the processing fee set forth in §1.17(i).

Favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment and accompanying documents is respectfully requested. If the Examiner would like to discuss this matter, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned representative for the Applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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Request for Correction of Inventorship under
37 CFR 1.48(b)

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Dear Sir:

Under 37 CFR 1.48(b), fewer than all of the currently named inventors are the actual inventors of the invention being claimed in the application due to the amendments to the claims filed concurrently herewith. Therefore, please delete David L. Sordello, who is not an inventor of the invention now being claimed.

In addition, please note that the assignment from David L. Sordello to Watts Regulator Co. is no longer applicable to this application. Therefore, Ecolab Inc. is the sole Assignee of this application.

Accompanying this Request for Correction of Inventorship under 37 CFR 1.48(b) is the processing fee set forth in §1.17(i).

Favorable consideration of this Request for Correction of Inventorship under 37 CFR 1.48(b) is respectfully requested. If the Examiner would like to discuss this matter, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned representative for the Applicants.

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